

for these two standards will now be performed as part of the Cryptographic Module Validation Program (CMVP). Accredited Cryptographic Module Testing (CMT) Laboratories shall perform testing related to FIPS 113 and FIPS 171—if applicable—for cryptographic modules undergoing FIPS 140-1 validation testing, in accordance with guidance provided by NIST.

A Directory of Conformance Testing Programs, Products, and Services is available on the World Wide Web (WWW) at the Universal Resource Locator (URL)—<http://www.nist.gov/ctdirectory.html>. NIST test suites and testing procedures are distributed freely and are accessible from the Directory. Additional conformance testing information is available on the URL—<http://www.nist.gov/div897/ctg>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 1998.

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Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

New Transshipment Charges for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

May 5, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs charging transshipments to 1998 limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 7, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 1996 (61 FR 47892), CITA announced that Customs would be conducting other investigations of transshipments of textiles produced in China and exported to the United States. Based on these investigations, the U.S. Customs Service has determined that textile products in certain categories, produced or manufactured in China and entered into the United States with the incorrect country of origin, were entered in circumvention of the Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated February 1, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China. Consultations were held between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China on this matter November 5-7, 1997 and January 15-16, 1998. Pursuant to paragraph 13(E) of the February 1, 1997 MOU between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, the United States may charge three times the amounts transshipped to China's negotiated quantitative limits, with the amounts distributed equally over the remaining term of the agreement. Accordingly, charges will be made to each of the 1998, 1999 and 2000 quota years for Categories 331, 341, 347/348, 351, 352, 631, 636, 641, 647, 649 and 652. In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to charge the following amounts to the 1998 quota levels:

Category	Amounts to be charged
331	82,122 dozen pairs.
341	80 dozen.
347/348	518 dozen.
351	62 dozen.
352	7,692 dozen.
631	30,700 dozen pairs.
636	101 dozen.
641	1,309 dozen.
647	25 dozen.
649	3,061 dozen.
652	6,372 dozen.

U.S. Customs continues to conduct other investigations of such transshipments of textiles produced in China and exported to the United States. Any charges resulting from these investigations will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The U.S. Government is taking this action pursuant to the February 1, 1997 MOU between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67827, published on December 30, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

May 5, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: To facilitate implementation of the Bilateral Textile Memorandum of Understanding dated February 1, 1997, between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China, I request that, effective on May 7, 1998, you charge the following amounts to the following categories for the 1998 restraint period (see directive dated December 22, 1997):

Category	Amounts to be charged
331	82,122 dozen pairs.
341	80 dozen.
347/348	518 dozen.
351	62 dozen.
352	7,692 dozen.
631	30,700 dozen pairs.
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The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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